

Marietta Fire Department



Annual Report 2009

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Letter from the Chief



While preparing to pen this letter for the annual report, I looked back at last year's report to compare the times. I'm proud to say the Marietta Fire Department continues to deliver outstanding service to the citizens given the fact that we are still being challenged by the state of the economy. All areas within our Fire Department have worked tirelessly during 2009 proving, once again, the quality and professionalism of our service and personnel to the citizens. It is with great pride that the "2009 Annual Report" is being published, highlighting our Department's services and accomplishments for the past year.

The call volume for 2009 decreased slightly from the previous year as the "closest unit" response agreement with Cobb County continues to be modified. Our personnel continued to receive the finest training available through the Training Division with more than 20,000 hours of training. Health and Wellness among our members continued to improve. Nearly 5,000 occupancies were inspected by the Suppression and Fire Prevention Divisions. Fire personnel accomplished all of the above and, while doing so, still answered over 10,000 calls for emergency service.

This brings me to another highlight in the history of our Department. In 2009, the Marietta Fire Department was awarded a Class 2 Public Protection Classification by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Upon receiving the Class 2 rating, Marietta shares this rating with only fifteen other Georgia departments and 568 departments nationwide. The analysis of our Department by ISO was completed with a score of 85.55 points out of a possible 100 points. This shows that not only did we receive a Class 2, but that we are well on our way to a Class 1 in the future.

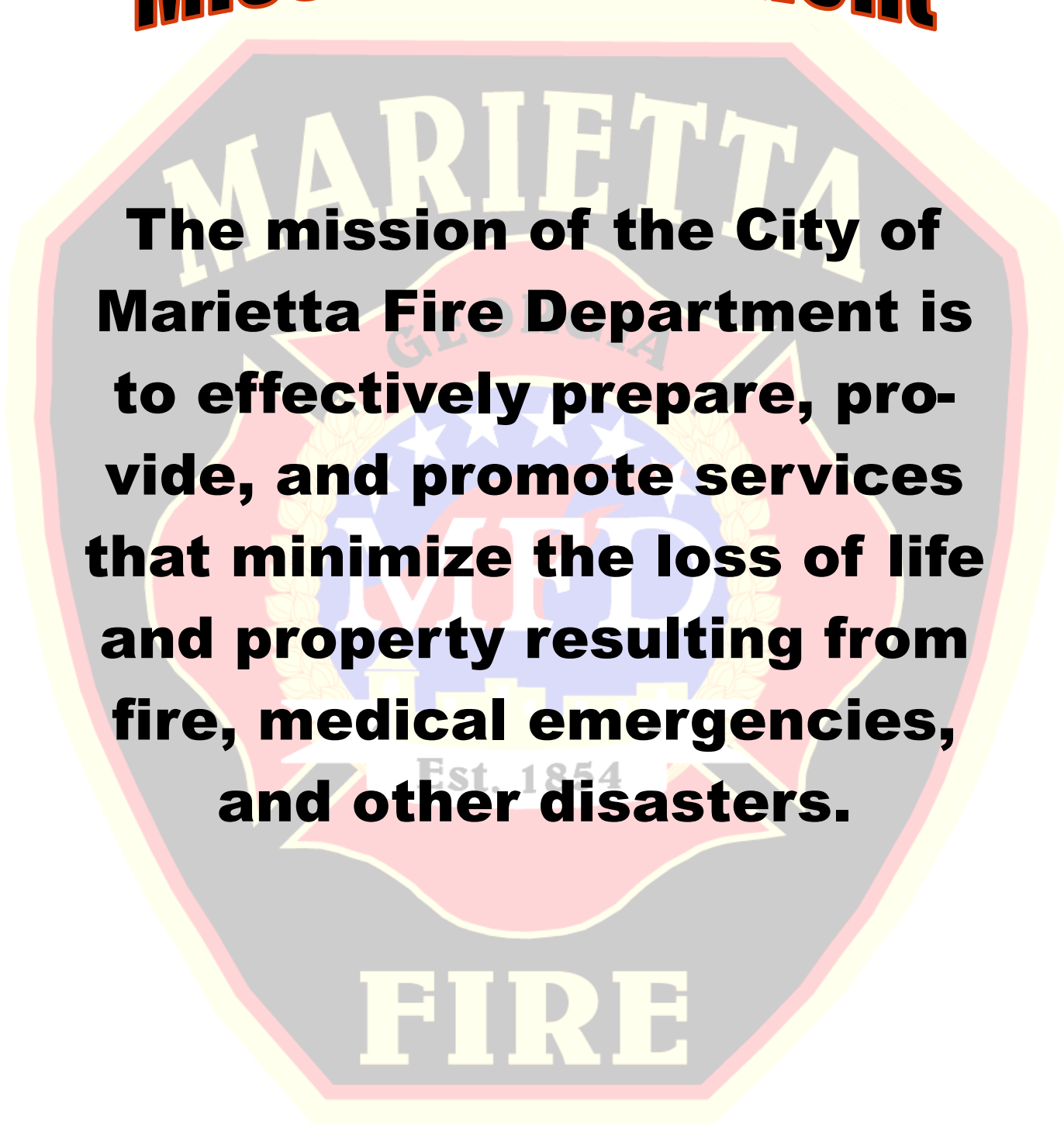
As we begin 2010, I would like to thank the citizens of Marietta and our elected officials for their continued support. I would also like to thank our employees from each division for their dedication and service to the City. Because of this dedication, we were still able to accomplish much during a slow economy. We can, once again, say that we were successful in our mission to provide services effectively to those that we protect.

Regards,

**Jackie T. Gibbs
Fire Chief**

Marietta Fire Department

Mission Statement

A large, semi-transparent fire department badge is centered in the background. The badge is octagonal with a yellow border, a red inner border, and a grey center. It features a Maltese cross with a blue field containing white stars and the letters 'MFD'. Above the cross, the word 'MARIETTA' is written in yellow. Below the cross, 'Est. 1854' is written in small text, and at the bottom, the word 'FIRE' is written in large yellow letters.

The mission of the City of Marietta Fire Department is to effectively prepare, provide, and promote services that minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fire, medical emergencies, and other disasters.

Department Overview

Population Served:

**61,000 Permanent Citizens
100,000+ Daily Population**

Area Served:

Approximately 23 Square Miles

Divisions:

- * **Administration**
- * **Suppression**
- * **Training**
- * **Prevention**

Personnel:

131 Uniformed and 3 Civilians

Annual Budget:

\$11,311,740

Number of Stations: Six

Sta. 51

112 Haynes Street

- **Engine**
- **Rescue**
- **Ladder Truck**
- **Shift Commander**

Sta. 52

149 Dodd Street

- **Engine**
- **Squad**
- **Ladder Truck**

Sta. 53

1050 Westborough Drive

- **Engine**
- **Haz-Mat Unit**
- **Reserve Equipment**

Sta. 54

228 Chestnut Hill Road

- **Engine**
- **Air Truck**

Sta. 55

1160 Franklin Road

- **Engine**
- **Rescue**

Sta. 56

805 Allgood Road

- **Engine**
- **Haz-Mat Unit**

2009 INCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT

FIRES

- Structure Fires	
Single Family	33
Multi-Family	51
Commercial	15
Structure Fire Totals	99
- Vehicle Fires	70
- Brush/Grass Fires	52
- Rubbish Fires	33
- Other Fires	10
TOTAL FIRES	264

MEDICAL

Medical Assist	58
EMS Calls Excluding Vehicle Accident	3572
Vehicle Accidents	522
Vehicle Vs. Pedestrians	28
Extrications	14
Technical Rescues	2
Other	29
TOTAL MEDICAL	4225

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	407
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SERVICE CALLS	1128
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GOOD INTENT

EMS	2539
Non-EMS	476
TOTAL GOOD INTENT	3015

FALSE ALARMS AND FALSE CALLS	894
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SEVERE WEATHER	53
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CITIZEN ASSISTS	26
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TOTAL ALL INCIDENTS	10012
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Calls For Service

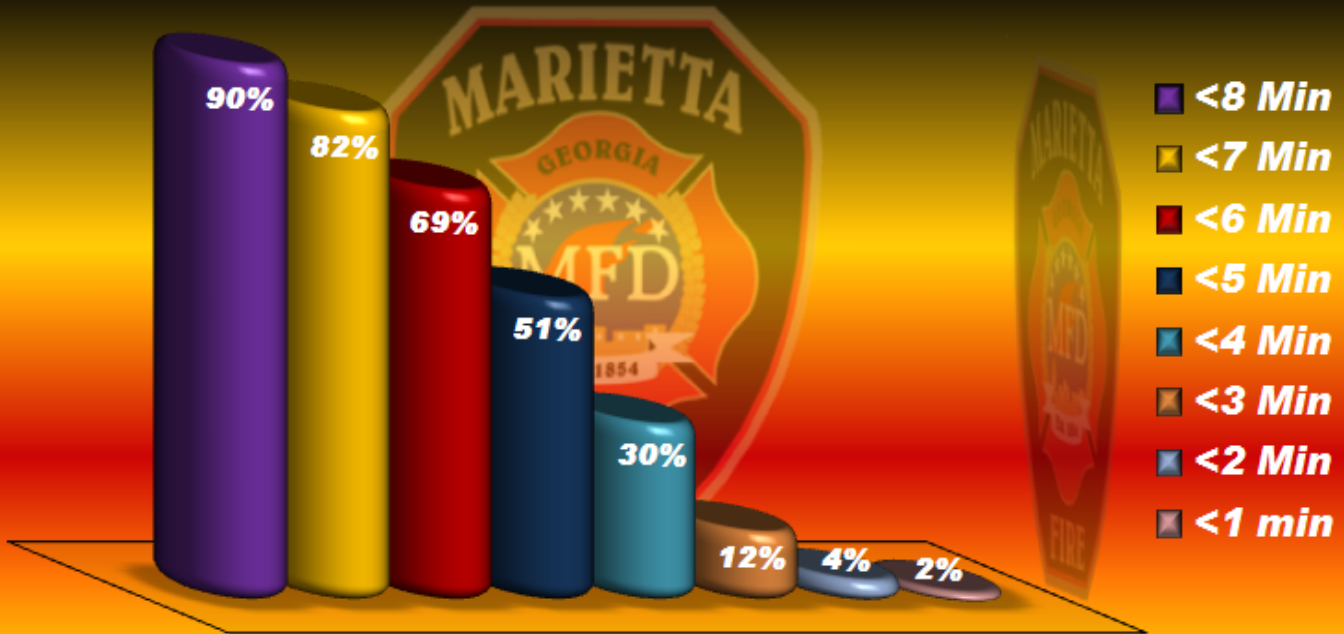


STRUCTURE FIRES

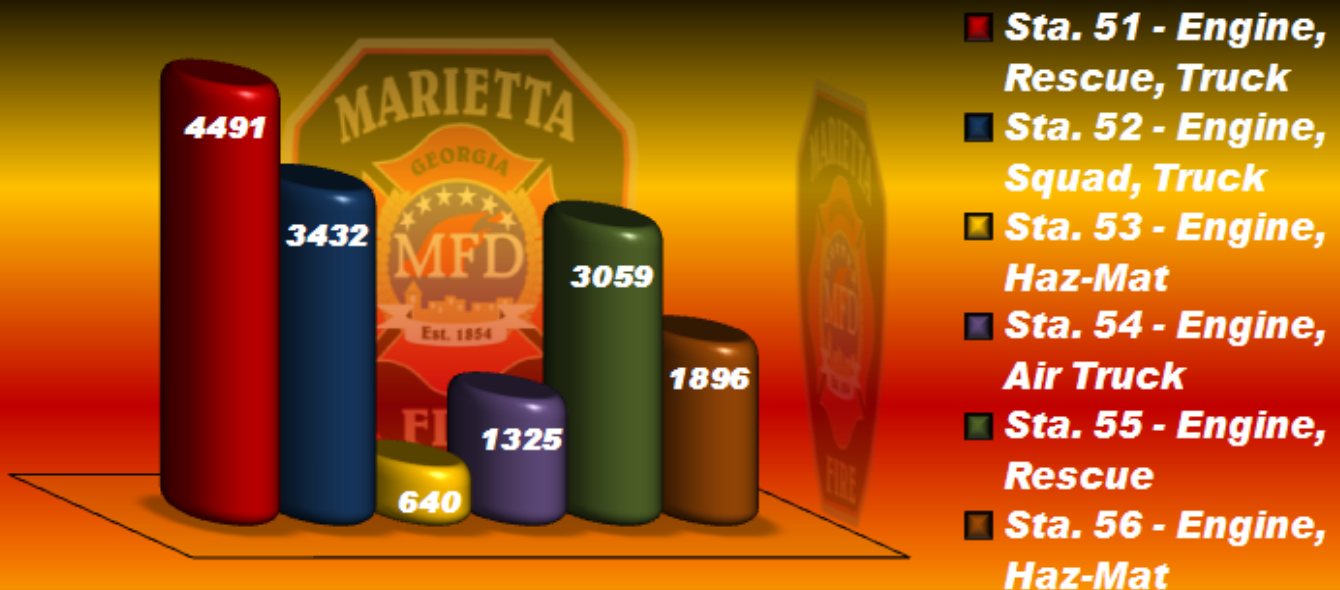


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RESPONSE TIMES ANALYSIS (EMS CALLS)



RESPONSE TOTAL PER STATION



Individual Unit Responses

2009

Car	501	334
Engine	51	2239
Engine	52	2326
Engine	53	640
Engine	54	1178
Engine	55	1949
Engine	56	1894
Rescue	51	1718
Rescue	55	1110
Squad	52	658
Truck	51	534
Truck	52	448
Air	54	147
Haz-Mat		2

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Fire Prevention Division

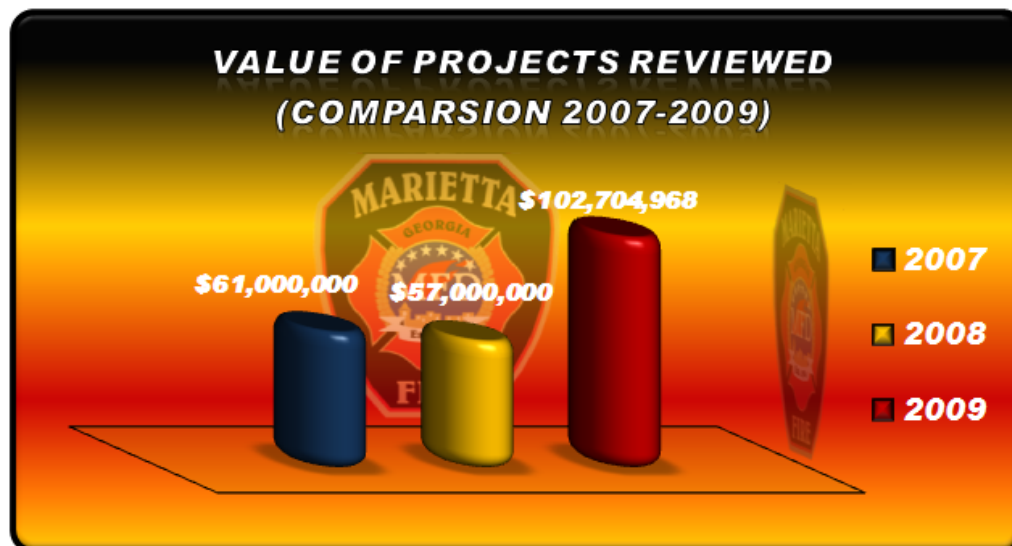
The Fire Prevention Division is charged with ensuring the following duties are executed:

- Plan Review
- Investigations
- Enforcement
- Inspections
- Education

The Fire Prevention Division plays an integral role in the construction of new and existing buildings. They work to ensure those structures, when either built or remodeled, meet or exceed current fire codes. They are also charged with the responsibility to ensure all commercial structures are inspected, per departmental standards.

In 2009, the Fire Prevention Division accomplished the following:

- Reviewed Plans 420
- Issued Certificates of Occupancy 294
- Conducted Inspections 1974
- Accounted for Inspections by the Suppression Div. 2620
- Conducted Investigations 63
- Total Square Footage of Projects Reviewed 609,502
- Total Square Footage of Tenant Space Reviewed 1,317,954
- Total Value of Projects Reviewed \$102,704,968



Fire Safety Education is also a significant part of the Prevention Division. During 2009, nearly 7,000 people, from preschoolers to adult, took part in one of its many programs. The programs are age specific and vary from exit drills in the home to live fire extinguisher classes.

The following is a break down of each program and the number of people served:

○ Friendly Firefighter Program (Preschool)	1,296
○ Fire Safety House Program	1,768
○ 4th & 5th Grade Fire Safety Program	3,430
○ Fire Extinguisher Training Program	318
Total reached through Fire Safety Education in 2009	6,812

The Investigations Office, is responsible for investigating any fire in the city that is either suspicious in nature, unlawfully set, or of which the immediate cause could not be determined. In 2009, Fire Prevention investigated a documented 63 fires that justified additional investigation beyond the immediate scene. Of the fires that were determined to be arson or intentional human acts, an average of 75% closed with at least one arrest being made.

The Prevention Bureau implemented a program that works with local night life establishments. These occupancies are usually crowded, have low light conditions, music, while serving alcohol. This combination, along with the customers being unfamiliar with the building layout, is a concern to public safety. Assembly compli-

ance inspections are conducted which require inspectors to track peak times for events. These inspections have established a cooperative relationship with proprietors. This working relationship has led to more owner and manager awareness, as well as improved fire safety.



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Training Division

The Training Division coordinated over 22,000 hours of training in 2009 meeting the requirements of the Insurance Services Office (ISO), the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC), the Department of Community Health (DCH), and other regulatory agencies. Training topics included fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials, technical rescue, and fire prevention. Highlights of the training year included:

Night Drill – Frasier Street

A drill was conducted in an acquired structure on Frasier Street to meet the core competency requirements of the GFSTC along with ISO multi-company drill requirements. 116 firefighters and officers participated in the drill.



Hazardous Materials Recertification Drill

A drill was conducted at fire department headquarters to meet requirements for annual hazardous materials recertification. The drill included 65 Hazardous Materials Operations personnel and 63 Hazardous Materials Technicians. The training focused on use of MFD hazardous materials equipment including gas monitors, Level A Entry Suits, decontamination trailer, and command unit apparatus.



Relief Driver II - Aerial Apparatus Training

18 Personnel were given initial training on aerial apparatus driving and operations. The training focused on the safety features of the vehicle.



RIT/Mayday Drill

A drill was conducted in an acquired structure on Roswell Street for the purpose of preparing firefighters for emergencies on the fireground. A firefighter was simulated to have fallen through a floor and called for a Mayday. A Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) was then sent into the structure to rescue the trapped firefighter. All firefighters assigned to the Suppression Division participated in the drill.



Live Fire Instructor Training

25 personnel participated in Live Fire Instructor Training at an acquired structure on Hedges Street. The course was designed to train department fire instructors on techniques of teaching hands on fire fighting tactics. Safety was emphasized by teaching strict adherence to NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions.



Technical Rescue Training

15 personnel completed the Department's Technical Rescue Training Program. Rescue disciplines included in the training were high angle rope, confined space, advanced vehicle extrications, and swift water.



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